represented by the National Council of Civil Liberties?

J *HE* MINISTER Of STAIE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPLAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (d| The adminis tered price (ceiling selling price) of I SHS which is also appiicable to RFO has not been changed after the Budget. The administered price of this product has always be;n fixed exclusive of excise duty which is recoverable at the applicable rate depending on the end-use of the product. Change in the excise duty st ructure in the Budget is off-set by MODVAT credit available ch the use of RFO/LSHS.

Teak Plantation

*254. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: **Wi:i** the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to promote teak plantation in the country;

(b) if so, the States where steps have been taken in that regard:

(c) whether steps are also being t il en to preserve the teak trees in those States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST? (SHRI KAAL NATH): (a) to)d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Foreign Trained Militants In North Eastern Region

*255. SHRI W. KULABIDHU SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government are aware that some Middle East countries, over and above Bangladesh and Pakistan, are giving anna training and supplying sop-ftSgfe*fatf 'weapclas" «td «4BT sspijjtrio*:

to the various militant outfits of the North East ou ihe soil ot B.angiadesu,

tb) if so, what effective steps asr.d measures have already been taken up;

(c) what diplomatic measures haye been initiated by Government with the Gov-enments of Sudan, Iran, Afghanistan, Paikstan an:! Bangladesh if so, with what results-

(d) what is Government's view about the long and continuous turmoil and terrorist acthities in the North East region; and

(e) what counter measures are being taken to thwart the designs of these! foreign hands, and also to take up proces for political reconciliation for a lasting peace jn the region?

Statement

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) There are reports of certain insurant groups ii the North East being supported by the Pak ISI agents in Bangladesh for the provision of safe havens. training weapons etc. However, there is no confirmed report on receiving of arms or training by insurgent groups of North East from tne Middle East Countries .

(b) and (e) The major insurgent group! stand declared as "UNLAWFUL" :,ni the affected areas notified as "Disturbed" areas. Besides inductions of additional units of Central para Military Forces. State and District level Coordination Committees have been set up for sharing of information and effective coordination of counter insurgency operations. Over and above the modernisation grant for State Police Forces, special financial assistance (Rs. 32.60 crores) has been released to the States of Assam, Nagaland and Manipur to tackle insurgency. Efforts have been made to take -ip the matte* *r*& ** ***meamos***^ neighbour^?